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Another Year

The summer was spent upgrading and redecorating the Crèche and as we opened on schedule this required some maneuvering, but the girls managed it all beautifully and it's looking really bright and fresh.

On another note one of our girls is changing careers and leaving us. Louise Hurley has been with us for over 3 years and she will be sadly missed by parents, children and her work colleagues.

Wishing Louise all the very best for the future.

I'm happy to announce that Gillian Hogan will be replacing Louise from the 12th October. She has been working in childcare for over 5 years and brings a wealth of experience with her. So, an official welcome to Gillian and I look forward to you joining our terrific team. Also, welcome to Amy Blessing who is doing an internship with us for the next 9 months. She has a natural ability with children and I have no doubt she will be great.

Finally, we had our HSE inspectors with us all day on Monday 28th Sept. Needless to say it went very well and we were commended on having a great team.

Wonderful official validation!

Until next time keep safe and well.



Cathy



Welcome/Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back all our little Butterflies who we may not have seen over the summer months and we would also like to welcome all our new Butterflies who have joined us recently. A new pre-school year started in September and we are enjoying getting to know all the new children and watching them as they build relationships with each other. We understand that it can sometimes be difficult for parents and children to say goodbye to each other in the morning. We find that a little chat before hand and agreement with the child, on a short goodbye routine, can help the children get through this transition. Usually a kiss and a hug at the door and the promise that you will see them later, does the trick. Within 5 minutes, most children are happily playing and chatting. We assure you that the only heavy hearts belong to poor Mam or Dad as they set off to work!

Reminders

- We still have that same old problem of parking. Can I please remind parents to also park either alongside the staff cars or in front of them as blocking the entrance/exit will just cause havoc. At this stage most of the children will have settled in, so all you need to do is drop/collect and go as quickly as possible.



Maggie

Baby Room

September has arrived and we have new little explorers in our happy group. We are all getting to know each other and are busy supporting a sense of identity and physical capabilities by encouraging hand clapping, reaching, waving, pointing and singing songs. This gives opportunities for each child to form friendships and listen and watch each other as well as share toys with one another, helping each child settle in to their new environment.

Early Learning / Pre-Montessori Room

Hazel and I would like to welcome all the children to pre-Montessori. We got off to a great start, with everyone very enthusiastic about the new work that has been presented to them; links, threading beads and using the "nuts and bolts". All great actives for developing fine motor skills. We have started our Autumn art work and before we know it, it will be Halloween. Ghosts and Ghouls beware!



Louise and Hazel

Montessori Rooms

Wow, it's the start of a new school year. During the month of September, we got to know all the boys and girls :-). We are helping the children settle into their new environment and have started introducing them to the Montessori materials. And they are loving them! We have spoken about Autumn and what happens to the leaves on the trees. Keep an ear out for the Evergreen and The Deciduous Tree.

During October we will be introducing the first of the seven Continents of the world. The first continent we will be learning about is Australia. We will also be learning about Halloween, stranger danger & the dangers of fireworks. Listen for our Halloween songs and look out for our spooky art and crafts!



Charmaine & Mairead



Mags

From The Pantry – Spooky Apple Teeth

With a small, sharp paring knife, cut a lengthwise wedge from the skin side of each apple quarter, leaving the peel around the wedge for lips. If desired, rub the cut portions of the apple quarters with lemon juice to prevent browning. Poke 5 or 6 slivered almonds into the top and bottom of the cut-out area to make snaggly teeth.

